(b) The construction of new public toilets has been undertaken as the existing toilets were not in good shape.

(c) Since the toilets are constructed on road berms, these do not cause any interference to the road traffic and as such the permission of the Traffic Police is not necessary.

(d) Archeological Survey of India had objected to construction of two toilets, which have since been demolished.

(e) The construction of 40 toilets on "Build, Operate and Transfer" basis has been awarded to the following eight agencies.

(i) M/s Hythro Powers Corpn. Ltd.

(ii) M/s Fumes International

(iii) M/s Rose Advertising (P) Ltd.

(iv) M/s Selvel Media Services Ltd.

(v) M/s G.M.S. Technologies Ltd.

(vi) M/s Hindustan Const. Corpn. Ltd.

(vii) M/s Walia & Co. (R&M) Group

(viii) M/s Toilets and Toilets.

(f) These toilets have been constructed for the benefit of the public and there is no proposal to demolish them.

Law and Order in J&K

1816. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of law and order situation in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) how many ISI agents have been arrested so far; and

(c) what steps Government have taken within the country and outside the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a)

As reported by the State Government, 520 incidents of terrorist violence took place within J&K during the period 1.1.2002 to 28.2.2002.

(b) As per information furnished by the State Government, 18 ISI agents have been arrested in J&K during the last three years.

(c) Government have adopted a well-coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of ISI which includes strengthening the border management, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of ISI by well coordinated intelligence based operations, setting up of out posts of Security Forces in vulnerable areas and modernization and up-gradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

Central Government has been sensitizing the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of ISI in the country. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to check the activities of ISI. As a result of coordinated action, a number of Pakistan backed modules have been neutralized.

At diplomatic level Government has used every opportunity to apprise the international community of Pakistan's support to and sponsorship, of cross border terrorism in India. The international community widely supports India's view that there can be no justification for terrorism, which must be eradicated wherever it exists.